

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15-32, and 75 were pending in the above-referenced application before entrance of the present Amendment. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-3, 10-12, 19, 20, 22-32, and 75, rejected claim 17, and objected to claims 15-18 and 21. Claims 15, 16, and 18 are amended in this Response; and claims 17 and 21 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 15, 16, and 18 have been amended to be consistent with independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added with these amendments. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute without prejudice in a future application subject matter removed from the claims by the Amendment submitted herewith.

I. Objections to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). The Examiner has objected to claims 15-18 and 21 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), “as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.” The Examiner has requested that claims 15-18 be amended to recite “hematopoietic stem cell” so that these dependent claims may not be interpreted as broader than independent claim 1. Applicant has amended claims 15, 16, and 18 to recite “hematopoietic stem cell” as requested. Claims 17 and 21 have been canceled rendering the Examiner’s objections to these claims moot.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner has rejected claim 17 under § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without conceding to the Examiner’s rejection and solely in order to further the allowance of this case, Applicant has canceled claim 17, thereby rendering the Examiner’s rejection moot. Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are now in conditions for allowance.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5215. Although it is believed that there is no fee associated with this amendment, if Applicant is mistaken, please charge any fees to our Deposit Account Number: 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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